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SUBJECT: COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT FOR SECRETARY

DEPT PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR CHENEY/RUSTAND/HENKEL.

REF: STATE 246946

FOR THOMAS (A)

1. WITH ARRIVAL REFTEL HERE AFTER COB FRENCH OFFICES NOV. 8, WE CONTACTED LOCAL PREFECT AND CHIEF LOCAL PTT MORNING NOVEMBER 9. DISCUSSIONS POINT TO THE LIKELIHOOD THAT TELETYPE CIRCUIT BETWEEN MARTINIQUE AND DEPARTMENT WILL NOT BE READY BEFORE ABOUT 1200 HOURS NOVEMBER 12.
2. LOCAL PTT AUTHORITIES TELL US THEY ARE PROHIBITED FROM INSTALLING LEASED TAIL SEGMENT FROM PTT OFFICES TO CONSULATE PREMISES WITHOUT SPECIFIC ORDER FROM PTT MINISTRY PARIS. THEY REQUESTED US ASK DEPARTMENT TO CONTACT PTT MINISTRY PARIS VIA AMEMBASSY PARIS, WITH FULL PARTICULARS, ASKING MINISTRY TO INSTRUCT MARTINIQUE PTT TO INSTALL SEGMENT IMMEDIATELY. THEY ALSO FORESEE POSSIBLE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES IN CONNECTING DIRECTLY A 75 BAUD, FULL DUPLEX BETWEEN MARTINIQUE AND WASHINGTONDC, AND WE SUGGEST THAT, IF POSSIBLE, THE COMMO TECHNICIANS ARRIVING HERE NOV. 11

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BRING TECHNICAK EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR ADJUSTING 75 BAUD

EQUIPMENT TO 50 BAUD OR VICE VERSA.

3. WE ASSUME THAT SHORT DELAY OF ESTABLISHING INTERNATIONAL
CIRCUIT UNTIL ABOUT 1200 HOURS NOVEMBER 12 WILL NOT RPT
NOT BE SERIOUS PROBLEM, BUT MEETING THIS DEADLINE WILL
DEPEND UPON RECEIPT BY MARTINIQUE PTT OF PARIS PTT
MINISTRY ORDERS. ON PERSONAL BASIS, PTT CHIEF SAID HE THOUGHT
PARIS PTT MINISTRY WOULD MOVE ON MATTER MORNING
OF NOVEMBER 11 DESPITE FACT THAT IS NATIONAL HOLIDAY.
SEPARATELY WE ARE REPEATING STATE 246946 TO PARIS.
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